

Kevin Kelly Biography

State Senator Kevin Kelly represents the 21st Senatorial District which includes the towns of Monroe, Seymour, Shelton and Stratford.

Kevin was raised in Connecticut. He was educated at St. Joseph High School in Trumbull, CT (1978). He went on to earn his bachelors degree at Assumption College (B.A. 1982) and his masters degree at Fairfield University (M.A. 1985). Later, Kevin attended Notre Dame Law School, Concannon Programme of International Law in London, England (Summer, 1995), and the University of Connecticut School of Law (J.D. 1997) where he earned the Little Brown & Co. Book Award for Excellence in the study of Trusts & Estates, as well as the CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Law & Public Health. He was Vice President of the Connecticut Client Advocacy Board and a member of the Connecticut Insurance Law Journal.

As an active member of his local community, Kevin is a member of the Lordship Father's Club, Inc. and a member of Our Lady of Peace Parish. He also coaches his son's Cal Ripken Pony Baseball team and his daughter's CYO basketball team. Kevin is a former commissioner on the Stratford Inland Wetland and Watercourse Commission, Stratford Aging Commission, Stratford Tourism Commission, Hill & Harbor Visitor's Bureau, and the Stratford Community Development Agency. Kevin has also been a member of the Stratford Republican Town Committee since 1985.

As State Senator, Kevin promises to be an advocate of common sense solutions to reduce government spending and create jobs. He will also prioritize environmental stewardship and issues pertaining to Connecticut's senior citizens. Kevin is Secretary of the Lordship Improvement Association, Inc.; a non-profit "land trust" which owns beach property on Long Island Sound for the public benefit of environmental open space and passive recreation. He was Chairman of the Southwest Connecticut Agency on Aging, Inc., a non-profit organization that administers the Connecticut Home Care Program which assists seniors with remaining in their home and "aging in place." Additionally, Kevin was Co-Chairman of the Estate Planning and Elder Law Section of the Greater Bridgeport Bar Association.

Prior to running for State Senate, Kevin served as Stratford's Town Attorney from 1999 to 2005, and is currently an Assistant Town Attorney. In that role, he has successfully defended the Town and its neighborhoods in affordable housing lawsuits and expanded rights for environmental interveners at the Connecticut Supreme Court.

Kevin is currently an owner and Partner in the law firm of Bishop, Jackson & Kelly, LLC which has offices in Stratford, Milford, Norwalk, and Essex. Prior to owning his firm, Kevin was an associate at Zeldes, Needle & Cooper, P.C. in Bridgeport and was an investigator for the Connecticut Department of Social Services

Admitted to practice law in Connecticut, New York, U.S. Tax Court and the United States Supreme Court, Kevin is a member of several professional organizations including the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, and the American, Connecticut and New York State Bar Associations. In 2002 Kevin received The Connecticut Law Tribune's "Impact Award" for recognition as a "New Leader in the Law." He has written published articles including "Protecting Assets for the Community Spouse when Long Term Care is Needed (Probate & Property, March/April, 1999)" and lectures on Medicaid, Estate Planning, Probate Administration, Elder Law, and Estate & Gift Taxation.

Kevin Kelly resides in Stratford with his wife Cindy. Their family includes: Jesse Holroyd, Brittney Holroyd & Ralph Lewis III, Kathryn Kelly & Kevin Kelly, and grandchildren Kaylee Holroyd and Ralph Lewis IV.